

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present amendment is made, in part, for the purpose of removing multiple dependencies and reference numerals to conform with U.S. practice. No new matter has been entered.

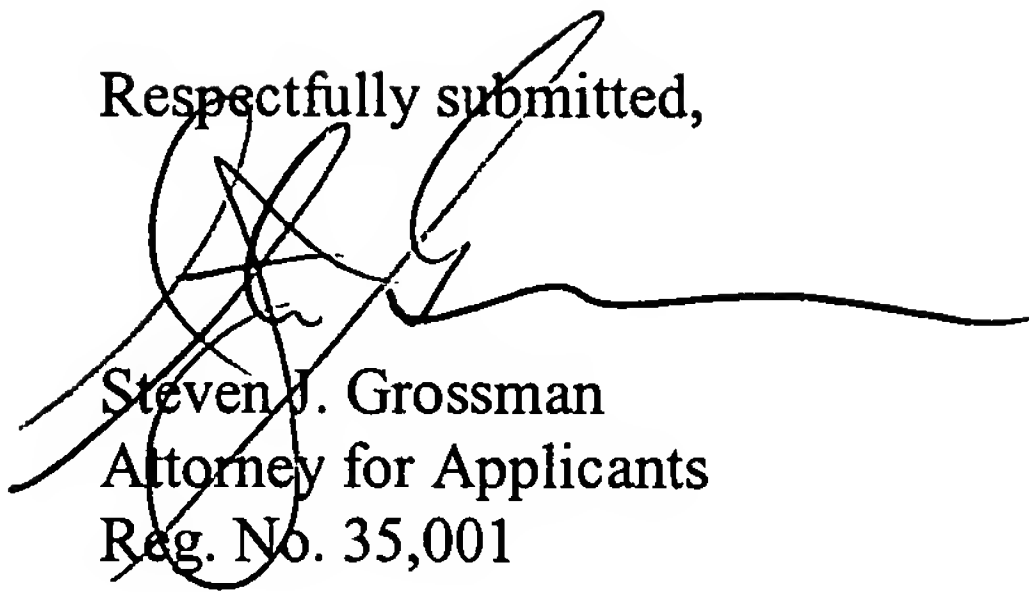
In addition, in this national stage completion, Applicant has amended claim 1 to read consistent with the amendment thereto made during the international stage. Support for this amendment may be found, for example, on page 2, lines 10-25 and on page 10, lines 13-28 of the specification and in the drawings. Additionally, Applicant has added new claim 17. Support for new claim 17 can also be found, for example, on page 10, lines 13-28 of the specification and in the drawings. Again, no new matter has been entered by these amendments.

Applicant notes that this is a national phase completion of PCT/DE2004/001578. In this underlying PCT application, Applicant made various amendments to the application. These amendments were published in form PCT/IPEA/409 (International Preliminary Report On Patentability) as amended pages 1, 2, 2a, 20, and 20a. Accordingly, all of the amendments herein to the specification and to claims 1-16 have been entered in the international stage. For the convenience of the Examiner, English language translations of the amended pages are enclosed herein. Pursuant to MPEP 1893.01(d), Applicant has, therefore, entered all international stage amendments herein, and no new matter has been entered.

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be entered before the examination of the present application, and before calculation of fees.

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